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PESTICIDE ADVISORY



Misbranded / Adulterated Pesticide Product, Presence of Two Undeclared Pesticide Residues

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has ordered the stoppage of sale and distribution of a pesticide product manufactured by Parry America Inc. after finding the presence of two pesticide active ingredients not listed on the product label. AzaMax Botanical Insecticide, Miticide, and Nematicide is labeled for use on ornamental and food crops as an insecticide and insect growth regulator. The label lists the active ingredient azadirachtin, derived from neem seeds, and is identified by the EPA Registration No. 71908-1-81268. The product is labeled for organic use by the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI). In addition, ODA is asking growers who may have purchased the pesticide product to refrain from using it.

ODA's actions come following an investigation of the product and laboratory analysis that found the presence of the pesticide active ingredients, bifenthrin and permethrin, which are not listed on the product label.

In an abundance of caution, a statewide Stop Sale, Use, or Removal Order (SSURO) has been issued by ODA to Parry America Inc. of Arlington, Texas. The order calls for the company to immediately cease all sales, offers of sale, or other distribution of the product in Oregon.

Retailers and the general public in possession of AzaMax, manufactured by Parry America Inc., are advised not to sell, offer for sale, or distribute it. ODA will be working with the manufacturer to determine the appropriate disposition of product currently in commerce or with growers.

ODA's investigation will proceed to address violations of Oregon's Pesticide Law, which include misbranding of a pesticide product, adulteration of a pesticide product, and making false or misleading claims about a pesticide product.

For additional information or questions, contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture at (503) 986-4635, or email pestx@oda.state.or.us.